The Bethesda Patient

John 5:1-18

I. The Kindness of Christ

- A. The man and his situation (see Nehemiah 3:1; Mark 2:1-12)
- B. Question: "Do you want to get well?"
- C. Command: "Get up, take up your bed, and walk."

II. The Warning of Christ

- A. Objection! (see Mark 1:22)
- B. In the temple
- C. The significance of Christ's deliverance
- D. You have bigger problems.

III. The Work of Christ

- A. Third conversation: with religious skeptics
- B. "My Father never stopped working, and I'm doing what he does."

IV. The Bethesda Patient and Us

- A. Those who oppose Christ will never be satisfied with the good he does. (see John 14:12)
- B. Don't be satisfied with a better life. (see John 15:8)
- C. The Word that commands also empowers. (see Galatians 5:16)